THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, the 20th March 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I.—POINT OF INFORMATION REGARDING PREVENTING A MEMBER FROM ENTERING THE PRECINCTS OF THE HOUSE.

* SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Before we take up questions and answers I wish to raise a point of information. This morning while I was trying to enter the precincts of this House, I was prevented by two khaki uniformed personnel. I believe they are military personnel attempting to halt everybody who tried to enter this House as well as the Fort premises. They were demanding passes or permits which would entitle us to enter these premises. I would like to know from you whether that is the order obtaining every day or that is the peculiar feature of to-day, whether we should be prevented from entering the Assembly to discharge our legal duties as legislators of this State.

MR. SPEAKER: I do not know. Have you not got a pass with your photograph in it showing that you are a member of the Madras Legislative Assembly?

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: I do not believe we have one.

MR. SPEAKER: I have got one with my own photograph in it. I bring it every day to the House to show to the people who may stop me. Not that I have been stopped by anyone till now. But I do bring it every day. There is a pass for every hon. Member with a photograph in it showing that he is a Member of the Legislative Assembly. Probably hon. Member has forgotten to bring that pass. I am glad you raised the point. I will have to make enquiries. I will let you know later.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Not only myself, but some Members of the Assembly staff were also stopped.

MR. SPEAKER: Even the staff have got passes.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Many of us have lost the passes.

MR. SPEAKER: Then how can you blame the Police? The pass is not meant to be lost but to be carried in pocket.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: I think we have a right to enter.

MR. SPEAKER: That is a different matter. That is there. But your case would have been strengthened if you had the pass.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Hon. Speaker might make enquiries.

MR. SPEAKER : I said I am going to enquire into the matter. The fact that you lost the pass or did not bring it is no justification.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister for Industries has not yet come. We shall take up Question No. 923.

Vellore Hospital (Transformer)

* 923*Q*.—SRI V.K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

வேலூர் சர்க்கார் ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் அடிக்கடி மின் விளக்குகள் அணைந்து போவதால் தனியாக ட்ரான்ஸ்பார்மர் ஒன்று போட உத்தேசமுண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : ஸார். வேலூர் ஆஸ்பத்திரியிலே வாரத்திலே இரண்டு முறையாவது அங்குள்ள விளக்குகள் அணைந்து விடுகின்றன. அதற்குக் காரணம் அங்கே தனியாக டிரான்ஸ்பார்மர் இல்லையென்பது மாத்திரமல்ல. பி.டபிள்யூ. டி. மூலமாக இருக்கக் கூடிய மின்சார சிப்பந்திகளும் அங்கே கிடையாது. இந்த நிலைமை அங்கே இருப்பதால், மின்சார இலாகாவினரைக் கூப்பிட்டாலும், எங்களுக்கு இதிலே எவ்வித சம்பந்தமுமில்லை என்று சொல்கிற காரணத்தினால் ஒரு இரவு பூராவும் கூட விளக்குகள் இல்லாத நிலைமை இருப்பதினால் தயவு செய்து சீக்கிரமாக ஒரு டிரான்ஸ்பார்மர் போட்டு, தனியாக மின்சார சிப்பந்திகளும் போடுவதற்கு எற்பாடு செய்யப்படுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : There is a proposal to have a separate transformer. The Chief Engineer, Vellore Electricity Board has been addressed in the matter. They are preparing drawings for the same.

Water-supply (Tiruchirappalli)

* 924 *Q*.—SRI M. K. SOMASUNDARAM (on behalf of SRI S. LAZAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) details about the new method suggested by the Municipal Engineers at Tiruchirappalli to augment the town water-supply;

(*b*) the extent to which the town water-supply has been augmented by adopting the said method; and

(*c*) the special amenities provided by the Government to carry on the research to improve the water-supply in this town?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) The new method suggested by the Municipal Engineer consists of provision of a number of well points sunk in deep bore holes driven in sandy